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SUBJECT: GEORGIA: UNOMIG MANDATE RENEWAL

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Classified by A/Polcouns Eric Lundberg, Reasons 1.5 b/d

1.(C) The Netherlands is likely to vote for a renewal of UNOMIG and its current size and mandate, according to MFA sources. South Caucasus desk officer Taco Stoppels told Polmiloff on June 21 that the Dutch were awaiting the Secretary General's report before making a decision on

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whether to support. While the Dutch are concerned by rising violence in Abkhazia -- in particular the recent hostage taking of UN and international assistance workers -- UNOMIG appears to remain a useful tool for bringing about a peaceful resolution.

2.(C) The Dutch are unlikely to contribute manpower to UNOMIG. Currently, the Dutch give higher priority to placing a Dutch observer with the OSCE border monitoring operation along the Georgian border with Chechnya.

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